

Remarks & Arguments

In the Office Action, the Examiner noted that Claims 1-24 are pending in the application, and that Claims 1-24 are rejected. By this amendment, Claims 1-3, 7, 17-19 and 24 have been amended, Claims 5, 6, 8-16 and 21-23 have been canceled without prejudice, and Claims 25-33 have been added. Thus, Claims 1-4, 7, 17-20 and 24-33 are pending in the application. The amendments to the specification and claims do not add new matter to the application. The Examiner's rejections are traversed below.

Rejection Under 35 USC 112

Claims 8-16 stand rejected under 35 USC 112 second paragraph. Claims 8-16 have been canceled, without prejudice, thereby rendering the rejection moot.

Claims 6, 22 and 23 stand rejected under 35 USC 112 first paragraph. Claims 6, 22 and 23 have been canceled, without prejudice, thereby rendering the rejection moot.

Rejections Under 35 USC 102

Claims 1-4, 7, 17-20 and 24 stand rejected under 25 USC 102. Independent Claims 1 and 17 have been amended to be patentable over Heikkinen et al. (USPN: 6,073,036), Choi et al. (USPN: 6,211,856), Van En (USPN: 6,466,203) and any combination thereof. More specifically, neither Keikkinen, Choi, Van En nor any combination thereof teach or suggest

“providing a fly over area within the touchscreen, wherein the fly over area provides a magnified view of items within the fly over area with respect to items outside the fly over area, and wherein items outside the fly over area are shrunk with respect to the items in the normal mode.” Claims 2-4, and 7 depend upon independent Claim 1 and incorporate all the limitation therein. Claims 18-20 and 24 depend upon independent Claim 17 and incorporate all the limitation therein. Thus, Claims 2-4, 7, 18-20 and 24 are patentable for the reason advanced in support of Claims 1 and 17. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

For all the reasons advanced above, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and that action is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required for this amendment, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 23-0085. In the event that an extension of time is required, or may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account 23-0085.

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